

IN BLUE CUT.

A St. L. & K. C. Express Train Held up by Robbers.

The Express and Baggage Cars Cut Loose From the Train,

And the Robbers Started Eastward With the Locomotive and Two Cars, Which Were Left—The Thugs They Scared had Little to Spare.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—Train No. 49, the St. Louis and Kansas City express train, en route to St. Louis, was held up Wednesday night by train robbers. The train, in charge of Conductor Nichols and Engineer Meade, left here on time at 8:45 p. m., and when the Missouri Pacific engine, one and one-half miles from town, had reached the point reached at 9:30 o'clock, three men boarded the engine and compelled the engineer and fireman to descend from their machine. The express and baggage cars were then uncoupled from the train, and when the robbers started eastward with the locomotive and two cars. The express car was in charge of Messenger Nichols. The conductor walked back to Independence and reported the hold-up, while the train, which had been quiet after the stolen cars, and at this writing (11 a. m.) have just reached there at Gladstones, five miles from Independence. Details are hard to obtain, as the train carrying a posse of officials has just left here for the scene of the hold-up. Whether the express cars were located has not yet been ascertained.

—A train reached the St. Louis Pacific crossing at 9:30 p. m. several across the track, and when the train was brought to a standstill the men covered the engineer and fireman with guns. Conductor Nichols came forward with the engine and said that the trouble was, when he too was cornered with a gun. He was asked to pass over what funds he had and he handed one of the men four dollars. Asked if it was the company's money, he replied "No." and that the man should take two dollars, saying he would make an even divide. Then he was marched back and compelled to cut the baggage and express cars loose from the train. Horace N. Weyler, gamman on the train, and Bear Barker, express, started down from the train to see what was the trouble when they were ordered back or be shot. The passengers were appalled at what the trouble was, and the train soon stopped. Some of the women became hysterical, and after the robbers had pulled out with the engine and cars, they scolded their valuables.

Express officials here say the run for express money was not bad, as it was light, but they have a heavy run of freight. The safe contained only three mail packages of jewelry. The baggage car was unopened and contained no baggage, except the "Lumber Co." which remained stranded in the city. When the train had passed Gladstones the express car was entered and a few small packages were taken. The engine was then cut from the cars and a man in the rear on where it was abandoned and killed, and the robbers took to the timber.

AN OUTLINE

Of the Campaign Against the Insurgents in Cuba.—A Vigorous Combined Movement.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Standard Thursday publishes a Madrid dispatch giving the outline of the plan of the campaign against the rebels in Cuba, which has been concerted by Capt. Gen. Weyler and the Spanish government. The Spanish advance into the province of Pinar del Rio will be followed soon by the program decided upon by a vigorous combined movement of ten columns of government troops comprising 30,000 men, with a view to compelling the insurgents to either surrender and lay down their arms or to the trocha into the Havana province. When this plan shall have been carried out in Pinar del Rio, similar tactics will be pursued in the Havana and Matanzas provinces.

If these plans are successfully carried out before March next the government will inaugurate reforms in Porto Rico, which will be followed slowly in the course of time, and the court will be compelled to make extenuating concessions in the administration of the affairs of the island.

Death at the Crossing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Henry Bond and Miss Mary Tyrrell, sister, living at Woodbourne, Pa., were driving across the Reading railroad tracks near their home Wednesday morning. Their carriage was struck by an express train and Miss Tyrrell was instantly killed. Miss Bond was brought to St. Francis hospital in this city. She is badly injured but is recovering. Wednesday night that she would die. Wednesday night that she would die. Miss Tyrrell was 18 years of age.

Notice of Death.

HANNAH, Gen. Dec. 24.—The Postmaster John E. Doyle, republican candidate for congress in the first Georgia district, died at his home in Savannah, Georgia, on Wednesday night, leaving notice of contest Wednesday afternoon, allying himself to the recent election in every county in the district. Congressman Lester in Washington and notice was served there and also at his residence in Savannah.

Private's Buried to Death.

HANCOCK, Ill., Dec. 24.—By the explosion of a steam pipe in the city hall Wednesday James Bell was scalped to death and Charles Robertson probably fatally burned. The men, who were short term prisoners, were in the boiler room acting as firemen when the accident occurred.

Gen. Lee at Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 24.—Counsel General Flitcham Lee stopped Wednesday night at Ocala on his way to Havana, and was tendered a reception by the citizens at the Ocean Inn.

AT MAYFIELD.

The Alleged Box War Greatly Exaggerated—No Further Outbreak is Apprehended.

MAYFIELD, Ky., Dec. 24.—Will Suet, a shot and killed early Wednesday morning near the railway depot. A number of guards were watching the incoming train for Negro rebels. The Negroes alighted and when ordered to halt they refused. One of the deputies opened fire and Suet fell, riddled with bullets. The killing of Suet has stirred the Negroes in the neighborhood, who swear to wipe out the town Wednesday night. Wednesday morning the town council held an emergency meeting. All women and children were ordered to remain off the streets after 6 o'clock Wednesday night.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—The alleged race war at Mayfield has been greatly exaggerated. There was no trouble since the killing of Will Suet, the Negro, on Tuesday morning. Suet was only 15 years old. No further outbreak is apprehended as the better class of people have determined to suppress violence.

Wednesday afternoon a large mob gathered here to condemn the killing of George Finch and Jim Stone, the killing of Will Suet and the burning of property. At 9 o'clock the town was quiet, with a few guards remaining. A negro was seen in sight. Only about 50 negroes from neighboring towns and cities have returned home.

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